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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

34. (Presently amended) A method for detecting the presence or amount of an analyte of interest in a test sample, comprising:

providing an optical assay device, said optical assay device comprising a base comprising absorbent material, and a member comprising an optically active test stack, said member rotatably coupled to said base for rotation between a lowered position where said optically active test stack contacts said absorbent material and a raised position where said optically active test stack does not contact said absorbent material;

applying said test sample to said optically active test stack, wherein said member is in said lowered position;

applying a conjugate that binds to the analyte on ~~to~~ said optically active test stack;

applying a wash to said optically active test stack;

rotating said member to said raised position;

applying an amplifying reagent solution that amplifies a visual indication of the presence or amount of said analyte on ~~to~~ said optically active test stack;

rotating said member to said lowered position; and

observing said optically active test stack for ~~[[a]]~~ the visual indication of the presence or amount of the analyte of interest.

35. (Presently amended) A method for detecting the presence or amount of an analyte of interest in a test sample, comprising:

providing an optical assay device; said optical assay device comprising a base comprising absorbent material, and a member comprising an optically active test stack, said member rotatably coupled to said base for rotation between a lowered position where said optically active test stack contacts said absorbent material and a raised position where said optically active test stack does not contact said absorbent material;

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applying said test sample to said optically active test stack, wherein said member is in said raised position;

rotating said member to said lowered position;

applying a wash to said optically active test stack;

rotating said member to said raised position;

applying an amplifying reagent solution that amplifies a visual indication of the presence or amount of said analyte to said optically active test stack;

rotating said member to said lowered position;

applying a wash to said optically active test stack; and

observing said optically active test stack for [[a]] the visual indication of the presence or amount of the analyte of interest.

36. (Previously presented) The method of claim 34 or 35 further including incubating said optically active test stack after applying said test sample and after applying said amplifying reagent solution.